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HONGKONG, AUGUST 21st, 1884.

WANCHOW has, of all the ports opened to foreign trade under the Chefoo Convention, yielded the least satisfactory results. The progress of the trade of this port will be satisfactorily indicated by the following statistics of its annual Customs revenue:

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and must be crossed in strong boats, 50 yards from the other bank, a third blind canal leads into the heart of Wenchow city (27 miles). The whole journey can be performed by a passenger in fifteen hours. By judicious management a special steamer could obtain regular employ in conveying this class to Ningpo. Ku-nagao-tou is the chief station in the South-east of Chekiang for taxing Fukien goods, and here there is a powerful Ningpo guild. This class might be easily conveyed to Wenchow, as shown by Mr. PARKER, and thence shipped by steamer to Ningpo or other ports where there may be a demand for it. But as a tax exporting port, Wenchow is, we think, unlikely ever to cut any appearance. The future prospects of the port are fairly summed up in the concluding words of Mr. PARKER's report as follows:—"On the whole, it may be said that the function of Wenchow is that of a safety valve to Ningpo, and, even more so, to Foochow. Should the taxation at this latter become too grinding, or the mercantile enterprise at the former too over-reaching, Wenchow must of necessity extend its sphere of its expense; and if the sphere of Wenchow is not destined to be extended, the total result to foreign trade will probably be, the less the whole, some, and the unprofitable services of Wenchow will be as useful as though it were still, under the conditions indicated, to assert its individuality more aggressively. Meanwhile, as an extra point of contact, the loss her assuming share in expanding the Chinese mind in these quarters." Having regard, however, to the very small extent of

British maritime interests in this port, we are not at all surprised that the British Government should have come to the conclusion that the maintenance of a Consulate at a port in which not a single British merchant vessel entered during the whole of last year, and where British merchants are wholly unrepresented, is an unnecessary and unjustifiable expense.

The British steamer *Chi-kuang* went round to Aberdeen dock yesterday, and the British steamer *Albatross* to Kowloon dock.

The next two direct steamers, with the eighth Government steamer, and the British steamer *Albatross* yesterday morning for this port.

The steamer and Australian S. S. Company's steamer *Albatross* left Canton on the 10th, and may be expected here on the 27th instant.

The Agents (Messrs. Adams, Balfour & Co.) have just received from Singapore for this port on Tuesday afternoon.

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